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The new face of the Complex

Wipperman becomes RHD

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Library computers still spark frustration with students

ASHLEY EVANS STAFF WRITER

A number of students are still complaining about delayed login times and complicated printing experiences in Vogel Library despite recent improvements made by ITS.

New fiber optic lines were installed in November, and servers have recently been moved to a new room with environmental controls to prevent overheating and improve power management. Yet even with the updates, several students said the library computers remain slow.

"I don't even go to the library

anymore," Andrew Creary said. "I went out and bought a printer because it's a lot easier to print in my room than wait 10 minutes for a simple paper to load there."

Some library work-study students feel the same, like Emily DeLong who never uses the computers, because they are too slow. Other work study students, like Meghan Pedersen, watch students struggle as they attempt to log on and print.

"Students get mad at us. They think it's our fault the computers are slow," she said.

Director of ITS Gary Wipperman was not aware students thought library computers had become increasingly slow.

"The fiber should have improved that and the library staff has reported improvements," Wipperman said.

Librarian Kimberly Babcock Mashek has seen a slight improvement.

"It's hit and miss depending on times of the day," she said. "I would say printing time is down from 15 minutes to 10."

But students who need a quick print say 10 minutes is too long to wait.

"This is my third computer I've tried to log on to," Steve Virelli said. "I got here at 10:10 and wanted to print off an assignment and do it before class. It is now 10:32."

The computers run slower when many students login at the same time, systems librarian Alan Mask said. This is because a majority of the computer labs connect to a single server.

"Our sense is that while the login

and load times can be slower than everyone would like, they are still very reliable," Mask said.

While the library staff has noticed a change, some students still said ITS needs to do more.

"It seems ITS has forgotten a very important step in problem-solving, which is to follow up. I'm sure they are trying very hard, but I think they need to get it together and check on their work," Allison Schulz said.

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Performa offers suggestions to better residential housing

JACKIE ALBRECHT NEWS EDITOR

Performa consultants were on campus last week to review the current state of Wartburg's student housing facilities focusing on first-year housing and provided the leadership team with an informal report.

Consultants interviewed many staff members and about 150 students.

"I heard many positive comments from the Performa consultants about how responsive our students are in regards to the issues of the dorm renovations," Trevor Carolan, leadership team member, said.

The consulting group will return in three or four weeks to present a formal report.

"We were very impressed by the thoroughness of the work of

Performa and their knowledge of housing issues," Deb Loers, dean of students, said.

The formal report will give the leadership team more specific ideas and potential costs for the possible renovations.

"As we know, the financial climate is worrisome for all, but the college will benefit from a professionally done analysis that will help guide our future planning," Loers said.

The leadership team is made up of students, faculty and staff. Members include: William Hamm, Loers, Todd Coleman, John Wuertz, Peter Armstrong, Gary Grace, Rich Seggerman, Nicole Lequia and Carolan.

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Presidential search committee begins to review résumés

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**SEE IT. WTV8
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The presidential search committee met in the Castle Room of the student center on Monday, Jan. 12, to review résumés of current applicants for Wartburg college president.

The presidential search is still underway, with the search committee working with Jon McRae & Associates, Inc., a consulting firm in Atlanta, to fill the position.

The chairman of the search committee, Ray McCaskey, a 1965 graduate of Wartburg and member of the Wartburg College Board of Regents, said that applications are still arriving, but there have been no decisions on final candidates.

"The end result of the meeting was to be the selection of an initial group of candidates with whom we will be interested in talking further about the presidency at Wartburg College," McCaskey said in an e-mail statement the day after the meeting.

"The initial review has been completed and the committee is clearly optimistic regarding the caliber of applicants."

McCaskey does not expect any final decisions to be made until the end of Winter Term.

He said students will have an opportunity to ask questions to help the search committee narrow their decision.

William Hamm is serving as the college's interim president.

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Food

Dining Services to offer online meal orders

Dining Services is cooking up something new that allows students to order food over the Web.

Soon it will be easier and more convenient for students, faculty, staff and Waverly community members to order food, Director of Dining Services Margaret Empie said. Students will not have to put their studying or plans on hold as long just to go to one of the various eateries on campus to stand in line and wait for food. They will soon be able to order that food online and quickly pick it up.

Starting tentatively in late February or early March, Dining Services will implement Web Food.

"As a student, you will be able to log in from any computer into our system, and order your lunch or food or whatever you want in the Den, Konditorei and the Zesty Orange. You'll be able to pick a time, and when you get there it will be ready," Empie said.

Students can pay with points or a credit card when they order online.

The order has to be placed at least 20 minutes ahead of pick-up.

"If you order online, and it's not

a meal transfer, you'll order your beverage and the whole meal down to if you need ketchup packets. It'll all be on there. It's not convenient if you can't just pick it up and go," Empie said.

Empie said this presents the menu in a different way. She hopes people will become more aware of how many choices there are.

Between the three places, the menus are different. "A lot of people say there isn't enough variety. I encourage them to take a closer look," she said.

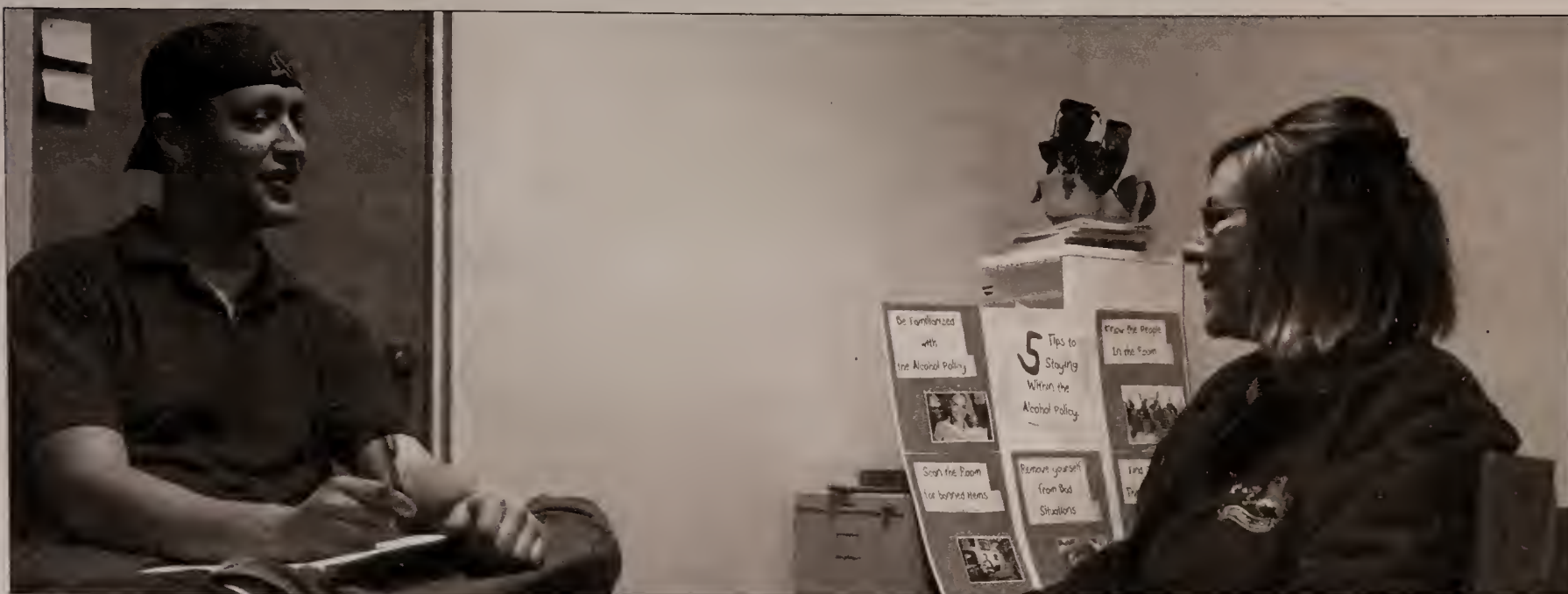
Another thing Web Food provides is the chance for students to sign up for meal transfers online.

"That's an area that students get a little frustrated, because it is so manual, because you have to show up and sign up for it, when the whole point of it is to be convenient," Empie said.

The meal transfers will be set up a little differently. There will be so many people per 10 minutes, and the number of people that will be able to sign up for meal transfers is slightly more than the number that can currently sign up.

Students also will not have to sign up a day ahead of time. They can

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Amanda Gahler/TRUMPET

Alek Wipperman has a conversation with RA Justine Trueblood. Wipperman, the previous Residential Life Service Coordinator, has taken over as Residential Hall Director in The Complex.

Alek Wipperman calls Centennial Complex 'home'

JASON MEYER STAFF WRITER

A recent Wartburg graduate is the new residence hall director of the Centennial Complex.

Alek Wipperman '06 replaced Jake Abbott in the position. Abbott left for personal reasons. Wipperman has been working at Wartburg College since September 2008 as the Residential Life Service Coordinator before becoming hall director. Wipperman worked closely with Abbott to make the transition as smooth as possible.

"It's an easy adjustment for me to move over to . . . the Complex. . . The transition is easier for the college," Wipperman said.

Wipperman said that he is used to working with upper class students who are committed to doing service projects rather than students in their first year away from home and students that have never experienced some of the newfound freedoms of being a college student.

Director of Residential Life

Pete Armstrong said the deciding factor in selecting Wipperman was his experience. Wipperman has a Bachelor of Arts degree in history and political science. Wipperman's interest in working with students and his familiarity with the college campus were also crucial in the decision.

Armstrong said he is confident, because Wipperman is comfortable interacting with students

"Given the team that's already in

place, it will be relatively easy for me to transition in and continue the good that's already gone on," Wipperman said.

Before working at Wartburg, Wipperman was employed by Obama for America and the Iowa Democratic Party. Wipperman also ran for Iowa House of Representatives in 2006. Wipperman said he joined the residential life staff to build community in a larger setting, such as a residence hall

Wipperman said a crucial part in directing the complex is continuing the programs that are in place, including the community building activities each floor puts on five times each term.

"A lot of the mechanisms are already there and it's just working with the R.A.s in the building to try and make sure we continue to do that," he said.

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More meal transfers anticipated

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sign up more than a day in advance or the day of the meal transfer.

"You'll be able to order 30 minutes ahead if there is a spot left and it will automatically take away that meal from the board plan," Empie said.

Through Web Food, students will pick out just their entrée and if they are dining in or taking out, and then, they will choose the rest of their meal when they arrive to pick it up. Once an online meal transfer transaction is finalized, the student cannot use the meal anywhere else on campus.

"Students get upset, because people sign up and then they don't show up. I think this will solve that problem, and it will make it so the people that really want meal transfers will get them. So I'm kind of excited about that. It's something that I've wanted to fix for years," Empie said.

Printers and computers needed to make this work have been shipped. Right now, they are getting everything set up, and then there will be a small group that does some dry runs.

"System-wise and computer-wise, we have that figured out, now we just have to figure it out work-wise in each eatery. Like if an order comes through where is the stuff going to be," Empie said.

With Web Food being implemented, there still won't

be meal transfers in the Zesty Orange, because it is costly to transfer food from the main food area to places that are across campus. Staff would have to transfer all of that food by cart.

"It'll be just like any other new thing you do, you have to work your way through it so you don't make mistakes. People wouldn't appreciate that, especially when they are in a hurry," Empie said.

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Senate to host Iowa Student Congress Summit

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Wartburg Student Senate has been at the center of the Iowa Student Congress Summit. Senate has been organizing the summit since the beginning of November.

College senates and congresses across Iowa will come to Wartburg Jan. 31 with the main goal of establishing a formal Iowa Student Congress. At this summit the constitution and by-laws will be formed.

"The Iowa Student Congress will be established as a lobbying body on behalf of the students," Jennifer Wendland, the political actions committee chair, said.

Every college and university

in Iowa that has a student senate or congress has been invited to attend the summit but only three or four have shown interest. There is no confirmation about how many schools will attend the summit yet.

There will also be discussion on sustainability and what a campus's roll in sustainability should be.

"A few schools will make presentations on the importance of sustainability," Wendland said.

"We will show the representatives from the other Iowa schools around Wartburg's campus and our efforts for sustainability. [They can] see what we're doing right and what can be

improved," Abhay Nadipuram, the student body vice president said.

The summit will also talk about the brain drain problem in Iowa.

"Students are getting their college degrees in Iowa but then are leaving," Wendland said.

Rockwell Collins, a defense technology company based in Cedar Rapids will be attending the summit to speak on the topic of brain drain and ways to rejuvenate Iowa.

United States Senator Chuck Grassley is a confirmed speaker for the summit as well.

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Wartburg College's Graven Award Winner: Robert F. Kennedy Jr.

A *Time* magazine "Hero for the Planet," Robert F. Kennedy Jr., senior attorney for the National Resources Defense Council, is the 2009 recipient of Wartburg College's Graven Award.

Kennedy is founder and president of the Waterkeeper Alliance, which led the fight to restore New York's Hudson River. He is a best-selling author — *Crimes Against Nature*, *The Riverkeepers* and *Saint Francis of Assisi: A Joy of Life* — and the cohost of a weekly Air America Radio Show, "Ring of Fire."

The Graven Award goes to a person "whose life is nurtured and guided by a strong sense of Christian calling and who is making a significant contribution to community, church and society." Kennedy will receive the award Thursday, Jan. 29, 11:30 a.m., in the Wartburg Chapel.



Robert F. Kennedy Jr.

Robert F. Kennedy Jr.'s Public Address

Thursday, January 29, 7 p.m.
Neumann Auditorium

"Tell Me": Video Festival Awards

A juried video festival showcasing service to the environment with YouTube-style productions by college students on energy conservation, alternative energy or carbon footprinting. View the videos. Hear from the students.

Friday, Jan. 30, 6 p.m.
McCaskey Lyceum

Go Green Fair

Displays and hands-on activities for people of all ages regarding energy conservation and alternative energy. Sponsored in part by Waverly Light and Power.

Saturday, Jan. 31, 9 a.m.-noon
Hall of Champions, The W



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Is Facebook addicting?

ASHLEY EVANS STAFF COLUMNIST

There is no easy way to say it: Facebook is out of control.

Not since nicotine has something sucked people in so fast.

Thirteen seconds after your first daily Newsfeed check, your brain is already hooked.

Throughout the day, new faces in the Mensa or relationship rumors trigger dopamine levels that crave a quick glance at status updates or new uploaded photos. It is more addicting than crack cocaine only without the side effects.

The medical condition is called "Facebook Fascinoma".

Symptoms include compulsion to Facebook chat, OCD-like checking of all tagged pictures and an unhealthy knowledge of strangers' information. The most common symptom is becoming increasingly creepy with more usage.

Further proof it exists lies in the Blackberry touch screen commercials, in which the latest phone is marketed with teasers of the phone's ability to check Facebook in the palm of your hand. Sweet!

Now if the Vogel Library computers blow up, you won't miss out on the 140,000 bumper stickers currently in existence.

I should quarantine myself, go cold turkey this term and suspend my account. (I tried once. It lasted three hours. They don't make a patch yet, but the cappuccino-flavored gum is quite the deterrent.)

I don't even like Facebook anymore, anyway. I can barely get on to stalk without some creep chatting me.

AIM went out of style in sixth grade; why is it trying to resurrect on my Facebook account?

I can take that over the incessant status updates of the break-up drama that occurs, however. I can barely deal with my own drama, let alone statuses that scream, "I

hope that [profanity] is happy with her new guy after only three days. Those nine months weren't worth it."

Clearly! Thanks for letting the world know that, buddy. Maybe she left you cause you're a freaking psycho and spend more time on the "book" than with her.

And what is the deal with people who have the audacity to put "It's complicated with [insert name of complete idiot]?" Would it be less complicated if you didn't tell 935 Facebook friends about it?

Here is another morsel of guidance: stop with the family pictures. No one wants to see your six aunts or your parents at Thanksgiving. Truly.

Even more annoying is the cropping of profile pictures that has continued to increase at an alarming rate.

After the initial shock of a new Halloween album every 12 seconds on Newsfeed, profile pictures were being changed with an 87 percent success rate of faulty cropping.

There should be a rule that you cannot crop your profile picture if your face is jammed next to someone else's and/or if you leave his or her hair in the picture. Computer graphic design taught me nothing, but I still understand proper cropping etiquette.

As further proof of the denial of this rampant disease, some have begun to refer to stalking as "Facebook research."

Right, because JSTOR would certainly include information about the girl in your stats class whose only interest is eating raw oatmeal.

How do we cure this? Join the tetherball intramural team? Maybe more kayaking lessons in "The W"? Or should we just accept that we will forever expect to know what someone is doing and want to know exactly what time they began doing it?

I guess I'll just have to keep chewing the cappuccino gum until a patch is developed. Thanks Mark Zuckerberg!

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Editorial

Loads of challenges for new president

President-elect Barack Obama will officially be sworn in as the 44th President of the United States on Tuesday.

After Inauguration Day, Obama no doubt has a lot of challenges he must face.

In fact, some are saying he's facing some of the greatest challenges of any incoming president.

Obama has the chance to really make a difference in the country.

It's a fresh start and a chance to start a new chapter in American history.

No doubt about it, the economy is priority number one for Obama.

People are losing money and

jobs and it is vital for this new administration to take this problem head on.

This is not a problem that will go away and it certainly won't do so overnight.

The new president has a lot of other things on his plate though.

He has to deal with combat in two countries, Afghanistan and Iraq, as well as the Middle East conflict between Israel and Hamas. He also has Osama bin Laden on the mind.

If that's not enough, the new president has to worry about the rising cost of health care and college, a failing infrastructure, fluctuating

gas prices and the environment.

Obama will not be able to meet all the tasks set before him and it is important to realize that.

What is important is that we give him the opportunity to solve these problems. Patience is a requirement.

Obama has a full plate and might not be able to finish his dinner.

We have a couple of years until the next election. Let's not make a rush to judgment.

We hope you enjoy the inauguration on Tuesday because at 11 a.m. local time, "elect" is dropped from the title and we will now have President Obama.

Conflict ignores other side

JEN WENDLAND STAFF COLUMNIST

Why is it that even today, people are still afraid to criticize Israel?

If we were to list the atrocities

carried out by the Israeli government and put it under any other country's name (especially, say, Iraq under Hussein or Venezuela and Bolivia today), the United States would be joining the rest of the world in condemning the acts that can be read about in every newspaper and seen on every news channel.

Yet, for some reason, the United States was hesitant even in asking for a ceasefire when the Israeli army was targeting civilians, schools and hospitals in yet another attempt to annihilate and control an entire population.

Instead of voting for a ceasefire, they chose to abstain from the vote. While in the U.S. taking a stance

against Israel can be seen as political suicide, abstaining from the vote in the international community is probably as good as saying that you do not disagree with the actions of the government of Israel.

When I heard that the U.S. was not willing to stand with the rest of the international community, I was infuriated. Though they have agreed to a ceasefire now, how many more lives were unnecessarily lost in the meantime?

Personally, I view the U.S. alliance with Israel, as it has been used thus far, to be counterintuitive for the goals that are stated and, in many cases, immoral to maintain.

Annually, according to Globes Online, an Israeli financial newspaper, the U.S. gives more than \$2 billion in military aid alone.

That means the U.S. is paying for the bombs that have been killing hundreds of innocent men, women, and children in the last few weeks; paying for the wall that is cutting off both Gaza and the West Bank from much needed services and resources (including, for instance, farmers from their flocks and farmland); paying for the daily

violation and removal of human rights and dignity from the Palestinian people.

That means the U.S. is paying for what Cardinal Renato Martino, the President of the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace, has called a modern-day concentration camp, according to a recent piece in the Herald Globe, an online international newspaper. That means that through taxes, YOU are paying for this.

Are you not angry? Are you not upset with this? Are you able to stand the blood on your hands?

If you didn't know about the role you play, look it up. Ask your professors.

Ask your peers, get into a conversation about it. This needs to change and has needed to change.

We need to hold our allies as accountable as we do our enemies.

Contact your representatives and tell them it is time to reconsider this alliance and join the rest of the international community in condemning Israel and holding them accountable to these atrocities.

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Being the president certainly has its perks

ANDREW NOSTVICK OP/ED EDITOR

President-elect Barack Obama is officially entering the office on Tuesday and I for one am a bit excited that we're starting a new page in our history.

However, I'm a bit envious at all the presidential perks our new commander in chief will be receiving. Sure he only makes \$250,000 a year, but he gets to do a lot of cool things.

Here are some facts on the White House, courtesy of the White House Web site.

According to the site, there are 132 rooms, 35 bathrooms (comes in handy on chili night) and 412 doors (try shutting them simultaneously).

Also, there are 147 windows (perfect for mooning the press), 28 fireplaces (27 of them installed post-Nixon), eight staircases and three elevators.

If that's not enough, the White House also has five full-time chefs and their kitchen can serve dinner to as many as 140 guests and hors

d'oeuvres to more than 1,000. That last part always gets me.

Of course being the leader of the free world is not easy and can be a stressful task.

The site says the White House has many facilities, including a tennis court,

jogging track, swimming pool (MARCO!), movie theater (Shhh!) and a bowling alley.

Of course, several reports suggest Obama is replacing the alley and putting in his own basketball court.

Being the president means not having to wait three hours to have your luggage screened at the airport.

The new president gets his own airplane, or as you might know it, Air Force One. The new president gets to ride in style.

According to HowStuffWorks,

com, the plane can carry 70 passengers and 26 crew members.

There are conference rooms, bathrooms, offices and workout rooms in the plane.

Another cool feature is that the plane can refuel in-flight.

Now the Obama family might vacation in Hawaii from time to time.

However, if the Obama's don't want to fly cross-country, they can always retreat to Camp David.

According to Answers.com, the camp has 150 forested acres, protected by a ring of three fences and Marine guard patrols.

Boredom does hit Camp David, so there is a heated pool, skeet range, tennis courts and a horse-shoe pit. Sadly, there is no Xbox 360.

Let's not forget that with all of these perks comes responsibility for the country. The new president certainly has a lot on his shoulders. Just use the perks responsibly.

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KNIGHTLIFE

College's German history evident on campus

Sprechen sie Wartburg?

TEALA KRAPFL STAFF WRITER

The college's cultural identity is evident to most Wartburg students. Even to those just visiting, the signs and buildings on campus are a testament to Wartburg's German history.

German professor Yvonne Losch could not be happier with the German words and phrases on campus.

She said she views the terminology as a "bridge builder" between Wartburg's past and present.

"The German words transcend American culture, at least linguistically," Losch said.

She said the German used on campus emphasizes Wartburg's heritage.

"What I can get particularly enthusiastic about," she said, "is that it does introduce students to terminology in German."

Wartburg is named after the Wartburg Castle in

Eisenach, Germany. Martin Luther translated the Bible into German while hiding there. Luther was taken by supporters to the castle after he was declared an outlaw for his reformist views.

The college's history dates back to 1852, when George Grossmann founded the Wartburg Seminary. The seminary was founded to accommodate German Lutheran immigrants.

According to its Web site, the college has had many homes. Starting in Michigan, it moved to Iowa, then to Illinois and eventually to Waverly.

Wartburg got its name when it was located in St. Sebald, Iowa.

Its wooded surroundings reminded Grossmann of the Thuringian Forest, which surrounds the Wartburg Castle.

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Konditorei

Konditorei: a confectionary, cafe
The word describes a place in which food is sold and eaten.

Mensa: cafeteria

Derived from the Latin word for table, mensa describes a student cafeteria.

Mensa

Ritterchor: The name of this all-male singing group means "a knight's choir."

Den-Rittersaal

Den-Rittersaal: hall of a knight's castle
It is linked to the history of Wartburg Castle.

Meistersinger: a singing contest held in the Wartburg Castle in the medieval times

The room where the singing competitions took place, the Sängersall, is the room in which the Wartburg Choir sings during its European tour.

Löhe Hall: It is named after Wilhelm Löhe, a pastor from Neuendettelsau, Germany. George Grossmann was sent by Löhe to America, where he founded the Wartburg Seminary in Saginaw, Mich.

Löhe Hall

Ein Feste Burg Ist Unser Gott

Ein Feste Burg Ist Unser Gott: "A Mighty Fortress is Our God" Located on the side of the chapel, this line is from a hymn written by Martin Luther.

Graphic by Krista Tessman

Students living in The Res engage in service year-round

MORGAN BERGMANN GUEST WRITER

Built in the late 1980s, The Residence houses 100 students who engage in service projects all year.

"Prospective groups apply by submitting a written plan for a service project," said Alek Wiperman, former service coordinator of The Res.

"The best proposals," he said, "are ones that consider every aspect of the service project, from achieving their goals to how it will impact their lives."

One suite visits Bremwood about twice a month for an hour or more.

"Our project is Girl Scouts at Bremwood," Nicki Anderson said. "We meet with a group of about eight to 20 girls and talk about different issues with them. Sometimes we go there and play games or have holiday parties. It's a really great opportunity to help the girls."

Amber Kurash and her suitemates call their project "Forming Elderly Connections." A pastor at Redeemer Lutheran Church paired them up with elderly people who do not have many visitors.

Twice a month, they spend time with a homebound woman who does not have family nearby.

"We really just like to spend time with her," Kurash said. "I've gotten really attached to her. I plan on seeing her, even if we don't do this project next year."

They have carved pumpkins together and often eat pizza.

"Living in The Res has given me an opportunity to help people that I otherwise wouldn't have had."

-Katie Weisert

Kurash's roommate, Rachel Biedermann, visits Ruth, a 95-year-old woman who lives in the Bartles Lutheran Home.

They go to church and eat lunch together. Biedermann said the suite sends the woman homemade cards in between visits.

"The church paired us with her because she has no family and no visitors. It's a great experience. We really brighten up her day," Biedermann said.

Jake Mohling's suite is

involved with Big Brothers/Big Sisters. He said it was a lot of work to apply for the Res., and then for the Big Brothers program.

"Once we were accepted, we each were paired with a child, then had an interview with their family. They want to make sure that we'd be a good role model," Mohling said.

Mohling said he has enjoyed his experience with Big Brothers.

He takes his "little brother"

to 'The W' and bowling. He said they also like to have fun and play video games.

"In the end, it was worth the hassle. I definitely like this program and what it does for children," Mohling said.

Katie Weisert and her suitemates volunteer with Cedar Valley Friends of the Family, a non-profit organization that houses women who are dealing with domestic abuse.

"Each one of us volunteers one day a week, or every other

week, for two hours," Weisert said.

The organization also contacts the suite when it is in need of domestic violence advocates.

"I feel like I've made such a difference in the lives of these women. They're going through a rough time and I'm there to help them. It's very fulfilling; I walk away and feel like I've changed someone's life," Weisert said.

"Living in The Res has given me an opportunity to help people that I otherwise wouldn't have had."

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WEDDING EXTRAVAGANZA

25th
Anniversary

Sunday January 18th
Five Sullivan Bros Convention Center
Exhibits Open at Noon
Bridal Show 3 p.m.
Tickets: \$5.00 at Door

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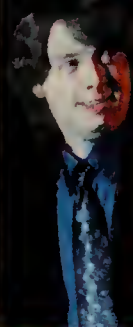


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2009 MR. WARTBURG

Tuesday, January 27, 8 p.m.
Neumann Auditorium



Seniors: Tyler Carlson, Seth Drury, JC Fuller, Aaron Schutte

Sophomores: Kenton Engels, Brandon Hauck, Nolan McCarthy

Juniors: Luke Appleton, Dan Chmelar, David Urlaub, Allen Weaver

Freshmen: Andrew Doyle, Derek Nash, Logan Shaw

Fourteen of Wartburg's bravest males will compete for the coveted Mr. Wartburg crown on Tuesday, Jan. 27 at 8 p.m. in Neumann Auditorium.

The 2009 version of the annual contest, put on by the Tower Agency, will feature a game show

theme. Contestants will participate in popular games such as "The Price is Right," "Jeopardy," "Whose Line is it Anyway?" and "Finish Those Lyrics."

"This year's show should be fun because we have a great group of entertaining guys and an exciting

twist on familiar game shows," Katie Cain, Mr. Wartburg committee manager, said. "I think the show will be humorous and enjoyable for attendees."

Tim Harmon and Matt Langston will take to the stage as the competition's game show hosts

throughout the evening. Admission price for the show is \$2. All proceeds from Mr. Wartburg will benefit flood relief through the Waverly-Shell Rock area United Way.

NEWS

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charge 1: 1/7-Burglary at Hebron Hall

Student reported someone entered his unlocked and unoccupied room and took a bottle of prescription medication.

charge 2: 1/11-Alcohol Violation in Clinton Hall

Police officer were looking for five individuals who fled a vehicle he had stopped in V Lot. One was found in Clinton Hall and tried to flee again. This non-Wartburg student was arrested for public intoxication and interference with official acts.

charge 3: 1/15-Hit and run in F Lot

Student reported someone struck her car while it was parked in F Lot. No known witnesses.

charge 4: 1/16-Smoking violation in Lohe Hall

Students found smoking tobacco cigarettes in room.

SECURITY FILES

Graphic by Krista Tessman

Luther, Wartburg rivalry goes green

JACKIE ALBRECHT NEWS EDITOR

Wartburg is competing in a Sustainability Challenge against Luther College during the month of February.

The goal of the challenge is to see which college can reduce its energy consumption by the greatest percentage compared to the previous years' figures.

"It's not our energy against their energy. It's basically us against us," campus sustainability officer Tammy Faux said.

Each week in February will have a different focus. The main themes for the weeks are: "do it in the dark," "bundle up," "slow the flow" and "unplug it."

Different activities will occur each week to promote awareness around campus. For example,

blankets will be handed out during "bundle up" week.

"Our goal is to reduce energy consumption by four percent over the average of the previous two years," Faux said.

The college spent around \$217,000 last February on gas, electricity and water usage. Reducing energy consumption by four percent would save the college around \$8,000.

"It wouldn't hurt to save money, but it's more than just a financial thing," Faux said. "We need to find ways to make ourselves better stewards of the environment."

Although the main goal of the challenge is for the Wartburg community to be more environmentally aware,

there will be a trophy awarded to the college that reduces the highest percentage of energy consumption. Luther art students are making the trophy.

Co-coordinator of the Sustainability Challenge, Eric Dreibelbeis, hopes the challenge will continue in the future and students become more educated on how to reduce energy usage through this year's challenge.

"There are so many things that we as Americans do that are so wasteful. ... It's predicted that about eight percent of the energy used in America is from energy-sucking devices that don't need to be plugged in," Dreibelbeis said.

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Wartburg unites in honor of MLK Jr.

RACHEL BIEDERMANN STAFF WRITER

Martin Luther King Jr. Day is celebrated a little differently every year on Wartburg's campus. This year, Wartburg is offering more activities and ways for students to be involved to help recognize Martin Luther King Jr.'s message of unity and passion for service.

Terrance Swims is helping organize the event.

"[Wartburg incorporates a way of] celebrating MLK in multiple days and to celebrate his life on campus not by going home, but by celebrating together as a part of this year's theme, which is unity," Swims said.

The week starts with many opportunities for students to take part in. Monday a discussion was held called "World Cafe," posing the question "how far does unity go?" Topics of the discussion were centered on unity versus diversity.

After attending chapel, students were encouraged to participate in service projects.

"Most student organizations and other IS classes are attending service projects around the community," Kelsey Wilson, Volunteer Action Center community partners liaison, said.

One group of students went to the Northeast Iowa Food Bank in Waterloo to sort food, organize shelves and whatever else needed to be done. Another group, Habitat for Humanity, went to Heartland Hills in Waverly where

they did some demolition work.

Castle Singers sets aside time to go to the Waverly Child Care Center every year. The group leads music-related activities related to jazz.

"The kids have fun learning from us just as much as we have fun learning from them," Castle Singer President Aaron Schutte said.

Leslie Hunter, a speaker from Chicago, will address King's impact in the world at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday in the Lyceum.

An interfaith dialogue will occur at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the Chapel Commons where they will be discussing different religions

and its relation to unity.

The celebratory week ends at 7 p.m. on Thursday with snacks, a birthday cake for MLK and performances in the ballrooms. Some of the performances include Festeburg, gospel choir, clogging by David Carlson and Psalm 149.

"Martin Luther King was a great man who stood for something greater than himself. He is not just for black people or people of color to recognize, but he stood for all to have unity. One person can make a difference for a cause that is worthy," Swims said.

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Environmental issues are main focus of fair

ANDREW NOSTVICK OP/ED EDITOR

The environment is on full display this year as Wartburg College will put on the first ever Go Green Fair at the Hall of Champions in "The W" on Jan. 31 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

The Commission on Mission service task force is responsible for putting on the event as part of a look at environmental issues. According to its Web site, the task force is responsible for launching an initiative on four key concepts: leadership, service, faith and learning.

Waverly Light and Power (WLP) is co-sponsoring the event and will demonstrate energy efficiency topics and ways to help people lower their monthly bill and lower their carbon footprint.

"We jumped in and said yes. That is something that is definitely our mission and we're very happy that Wartburg is taking the lead in that," Sheila Boeckman of Waverly Light and Power said.

Roy Ventullo, professor of biology, said there will be about 20 vendors including student groups, local businesses and other groups talking about sustainability.

"It's a smaller group than some of the larger events," Ventullo, who is a co-chair of the Commission on Mission task force on Service said. "But it's a good cross section of the kinds of things that might be helpful for people. There will be things there for students; there will be things there for the surrounding area."

Genuine Faux Farms in Tripoli, owned by Rob and Tammy Faux, professors at Wartburg, will have an exhibit.

Rob Faux said they are honored to be in a position to be able to share what they do with others and to help people find connections to the land and their food sources.

"It is a part of our mission

to educate others about local, sustainable and organic food and food production. We believe the Go Green Fair will be a venue where we can reach out to interested persons and provide some 'food for thought' about what we eat," Faux said.

Also, Great American Outdoor in Des Moines is bringing two electric cars to the fair.

"I think there's going to be an opportunity to drive the cars to see what an electric car is like, but depending on how the weather is, that could go either way," Ventullo said.

Faux said people need opportunities to hear about these ideas in part because not everyone gets to each event and it takes repeated exposures to get from recognition of an issue to action on that issue.

"It's also important to recognize that events such as the Go Green Fair are only as successful as the people who attend it," he said. "We need people to come and to have the desire to explore and learn."

Ventullo said it's important to get the information out to people, whether it be students or in the local community.

"We're also highlighting the service groups on campus that are doing green events like Earth and Peace and Justice and some of the folks who have applied for grant money off-campus to help green the campus up," he said.

Faux wants everybody that comes to be ready to ask questions.

"The booth holders at the fair will certainly do their best to answer questions and even if you leave without all of your questions answered, you will likely leave with a better idea of where you can get started," he said.

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SPORTS

Danielson Dazzles; Men go 2-0

ERIC THIELE STAFF WRITER

The Wartburg men's basketball team had another undefeated week as they topped Simpson Saturday, 71-60, and Luther Wednesday, 66-61.

The Knights ran into a storm of their own as they traveled down to Indianola to take on Simpson as the game had to be delayed 47 minutes due to an accident on the highway.

In the second half, the Knights were able to take over and gain a 51-43 lead with 8:43 left in the game.

The Knights built upon their lead, 63-51 with 1:30 left in the game led by Jordan Sathoff down low and Cole Danielson from the perimeter.

Cole Danielson finished the night with 21 points, Jordan Sathoff had 13 and eight rebounds, while Ross Timmermans had also 13 points and six assists.

Even though Cashes Mason did not put up a field-goal attempt in the game, he still managed to hit eight key free throws down the stretch that helped put the game away for the Knights.

The Knights went 18 for 20 from the free throw line and hit the last 12 to finish off the Storm.

Wednesday, the Knights topped the Luther Norse and jumped out to an early 16-4 lead with a 30-26 lead going into halftime.

Cole Danielson went three-for-five and had 11 points and three rebounds in the first half for the Knights.

"He [Cole] was very big for us, hitting big shots when we needed them. Some nights he will score big and others he will take what the defense gives him," head coach Dick Peth said.

In the second half, Luther was able to cut into the four-point deficit and was able to take a 52-45 lead with 9:10 left in the game, forcing the Knights to call a timeout.

"You have to give Luther credit for the big run, we didn't identify their big shooter late in the first half and they burned us," Peth said.

Danielson was able to hit some big shots, including a three-pointer after the timeout, while Cashes Mason scored eight of his 18 points in the last 9:10.

"Cashes was huge down the stretch, he did a tremendous job on defense which gave him some chances on offense," Peth said. "The fans really got into the game and the players really fed off the energy on defense and late in the game. The fans were one of the deciding factors in the outcome of the game."

Danielson finished with a game-high 22 points, including six of nine from beyond the arc.

The Knights played Monday and will travel to Cornell on Wednesday to take on the Rams at 8 p.m.

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Knights drop two in a row

PAM RODGERS STAFF WRITER

The women's basketball team faced a run of bad luck in the IIAC, dropping two games, losing 73-55 to the Simpson Storm and 73-49 to the Luther Norse.

"We struggled to get into any kind of rhythm again today, though much of that was a result of facing a very good and experienced Simpson team," head coach Bob Amsberry said.

Sharese Van Sloten had the Knights' first six points of the game and gave Wartburg their only lead.

The Storm took the lead five minutes into the half and never looked back.

Sam Harrington was the Knight's leading scorer with 11 points including three 3-pointers. Kelsey Teubel finished the night with 10 points. Van Sloten led on the boards with six and Emily Timmermans added four.

"We got really good play from two freshmen posts off the bench in Kelsey Teubel and Emily Timmermans. They both continue to show great promise and continue to come along and it's starting to show on the floor," Amsberry said.

On Wednesday, Wartburg took on rival Luther.

The Knights had difficulty getting the ball to drop with a shooting percentage of 30 percent.

"We really struggled on both ends of the floor on Wednesday. We were really short on our defensive intensity which allowed Luther to get going early in the



Photo Courtesy of Sports Information

Hollie Silvey drives past a Luther defender in the women's 73-49 loss.

game," Amsberry said. Abbey Hempen led the Knights tallying 11 points while Van Sloten was close behind with 10. On the boards for the Knights were Van Sloten and Harrington tying for the lead with six.

The two losses puts the Knights'

conference record at 4-2 and 9-6 overall. Wartburg continues IIAC action on Wednesday at 6 p.m. on the road against Cornell.

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Three is the magic number for women's track and field

EMILY VAN OOSBREE STAFF WRITER

Some may wonder what makes Wartburg track and field so special. Maybe it is the high level of competition the program seeks, maybe it is the emphasis on family or maybe it is those twins.

There are three sets of identical twins on the women's track and field team.

Pam and Trish Rodgers are senior throwers for the team, Jennifer and Amanda Kuiken are junior distance runners and Skye and Nevada

Morrison, freshman sprinters and jumpers, create a range of twin talent for the team.

Recruiting twins is not always an easy task for head coach Marcus Newsom. He tries not to treat them any differently than other recruits.

"When I was recruiting all of them, I didn't focus on them as a pair, but as individuals with different needs and different talents," Newsom said.

Although his goal is to treat them separately, the twins feel it is almost an impossible task.

"Coach Newsom made it clear to us that he was recruiting us individually, but we knew we would end up going together," Trish said.

All three sets considered going to separate schools, but, like Pam and Trish, ultimately knew it was a package deal.

For the Morrison twins, it was a tough choice because they wanted different things. Skye wanted to stay closer to home, but Nevada loved the track and academic programs at Wartburg.

"I told Skye that I can't go by myself," Nevada said. "We're twins so we have to stick together."

Not only are the twins teammates, they are also competitors.

"What I like about competing against Jen is that we hold each other accountable. We do almost everything together, and that includes running. When she is feeling good, I have to stay up with her even if I don't feel good," Amanda said.

Most of the time they help each

other out, but sometimes being in competition with someone so close can wear on a relationship.

"Trish is my biggest competitor and biggest supporter at the same time. She is always there pushing me and telling me to do my best, but I know the next day, she is going to be out there trying to beat me," Pam said.

The Morrison twins rarely compete with one another because they focus on different events. Skye sticks to long jump, while Nevada focuses on the 400-meter dash. They ran in relays together in high school, taking home a state championship together in the 4x400-meter relay last year.

Jennifer and Amanda have also gotten a chance at Wartburg to compete together in the indoor distance medley, helping the event qualify for nationals for the past two years. Last year they even got to stand beside each other on the awards stand as All-Americans.

"It was such a great experience in itself, but it was so much better getting to share it with Amanda," Jennifer said.

Newsom said having three sets of twins with so much talent and personality on one team is rare and makes the WTF family special.

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Upcoming Schedule

Wednesday - Women's Basketball @ Cornell @ 6 p.m.
Men's Basketball @ Cornell @ 8 p.m.

Saturday - Wrestling IIAC duals @ Dubuque @ 10 a.m.
Indoor Track and Field @ Iowa State Open/
Midwest Invitational @ TBA
Men's Basketball v. Faith Baptist @ 4 p.m.

Wrestling bounces back against the Beavers and Norse

Knights grapple to victories over conference opponents and improve to 3-0 in Iowa Conference action

MAC SLAVIN SPORTS EDITOR

After topping Buena Vista 44-4 and Luther 38-3 this week, the Knights wrestling team kept their 126 Iowa Conference dual win-streak and unblemished conference record alive.

"[The wins] were pretty big for us. Everybody knew nationals was kind of a disappointment for us, so to come out here and wrestle well was pretty important," Aaron Wernimont said.

The Knights finished 'Beat Luther Week' with a win over the Norse in Decorah Saturday. The Knights came out on top in nine of the 10 matches.

The Knights only pin came from John Helgerson (285 lbs.), as he pinned Allyn Plattner in 3:19.

Zach McKray (141 lbs.) helped the Knights with a technical fall. McKray topped Logan Queck 22-6 in 6:11.

Major decisions for the Knights came from Jacob Mirocha (133 lbs.), Wernimont (165 lbs.) and Justin Hanson (174 lbs.). Mirocha beat Zac Bartlett 10-0, while Wernimont topped Lance Serbousek 18-7. Hanson battled Brandon Reyerson and come out victorious, 13-3.

Mark Kist (125 lbs.) wrestled to a 4-2 win over Jayson Swanson and Jacob Naig (149 lbs.) beat Yonny Quist 6-0. Mike Sandy (157 lbs.) beat Ryan Bouslog 5-0.

Luther's Alec Bonander (197 lbs.) came away with the Norse's lone win, as he won an 8-2 decision over Byron Tate.

Friday, the Knights finished the night with victories in all but one match, as they topped BV in Levick Arena.

"It was nice to be home, we are only home a few times this year and it's good to be home ... It's a good tune up, we need to build momentum each week,"

head coach Jim Miller said.

Kist started things off with an 11-3 major decision over Kyle Donlan. Hanson and Helgerson also won by major decision. Hanson topped Ramon Villegas 12-3, while Helgerson beat Josh Wilkins 11-1.

Three Wartburg wrestlers brought home six points each for the Knights as Sean White (133 lbs.), Naig and Nick Shandri (197 lbs.) pinned their Norse opponent. White pinned Matt Korinek in 1:43, while Naig pinned Semir Duric in 6:19. Shandri's pin came 5:40 into the match.

Wernimont won by technical fall over Kody Koster 18-2.

Three periods weren't enough for Sandy and Logan Silliman. Sandy came out victorious 8-5 after the two wrestled in overtime.

BV's Brian Stueve (184 lbs.) wrestled to their only win of the night over Ben Scott, winning by major decision 12-3.

"We need to send a message each and every time we go out to everybody in our conference. We need to send a message each time we compete, and if at some point they are saying, 'hey man, I hope we can get second,' our job is to make them think and understand that we aren't going to give up that conference championship," Miller said.

Currently the Knights are ranked second in the country in the latest National Wrestling Coaches Association poll. Augsburg (Minn.) is at the top of the poll.

The Knights schedule has them putting their IIAC dual win-streak on the line this weekend, as they will travel to Dubuque to participate in the Iowa Conference Dual Championships. They start by wrestling Simpson at 10 a.m.

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Luke Shanno/TRUMPET

Aaron Wernimont wrestles Luther's Lance Serbousek in Decorah Saturday.

Knights race to top finishes at Wartburg Relays

MAC SLAVIN SPORTS EDITOR

The Wartburg indoor track and field teams had a strong showing at the Wartburg Relays Friday night as the women captured 12 event titles and the men brought home three.

Faith Burt led the Knights by provisionally qualifying for the 60-meter dash with a time of 7.72.

Jenny Kordick, Akeya Aimable, Nevada Morrison and Jen Ganshirt were the next four runners, as the Knights brought home the top five finishes.

The Knights swept the relays, winning the 4x200, 4x400, 4x800, 4x1600, sprint medley and distance medley.

Brittany Thomas brought home top honors in the 60-meter dash with a time of 9.16, while Brittany Melloy brought home a top finish in the pentathlon with 2,882 points. Becca Fagerlind finished in third with 2,674 points.

In the field events, Amber Axon brought home top honors in the high

jump with a 1.52-meter jump. Megan Baker won the triple jump with a jump of 9.98 meters.

Skye Morrison, Hannah Baker and Megan Baker brought home top-three places in the long jump respectively. Morrison finished with a 5.31-meter jump while Hannah jumped 5.24 meters and Megan jumped 4.93.

Megan Kingery finished in third place in the pole vault with a vault of 2.04 meters.

Pam Rodgers helped in the throwing events, finishing runner-up in the shot put and weight throw. She threw the shot 12.39 meters and tossed the weight 13.48 meters.

The men brought home three relay wins in the 4x800-meter relay, sprint medley and distance medley.

The Knights finished runner-up in the 4x400-meter relay and the 4x1600-meter relay.

Individually, Drew Shradel took home runner-up honors in the 60-meter hurdles and Damoan Lott finished runner-up in the triple

jump.

Shradel finished with a time of 9.16 and Lott jumped 13.49 meters. John Kuckelman also finished runner-up in the weight throw with a toss of 15.44 meters.

Mike Veenendaal and Karch Landers were third in the vertical jumps. Landers finished third in the high jump with a jump of 1.78 meters, while Veenendaal finished third in the pole vault with a vault of 2.89 meters.

"Our major goal is to take it one meet at a time," head coach Marcus Newsom said. "I want to look and evaluate this meet and prepare for next week."

The meet was the first collegiate meet at Hoover Fieldhouse and Track.

Next week the teams will head to the Iowa State Open and the Midwest Invitational at Monmouth (Ill.) this Saturday.

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Karch Landers tries to clear the bar during the high jump.